

Motions Submitted to Council

In accordance with Chapter 2, Part 2 (Rule 15) of the Council's Constitution

Motion 2

Submitted by Councillor J. Kent

“Thurrock Council is concerned at reports that government is considering scrapping Universal Free School Meals for infant school children.

We believe that such a move would be damaging to both the education and health outcomes of our young people so resolve to write to the Treasury and Department for Education to show our support for the continuation of Universal Free School Meals as well as to our two members of parliament to make them aware of our concerns.”

Monitoring Officer Comments:

This motion relates to a matter which affects the authority or the authority's area and relates to a matter in respect of which the authority has a relevant function.

Section 151 Officer Comments:

There are no direct financial implications from this motion.

Universal Free School Meals is currently fully covered by a grant from government. If the grant was abolished, the free meals would not be affordable to the schools or the Council.

Is the above motion within the remit of Council to approve?

Yes